

**Autobiography
of
Ivan Burton Cutler**



Ivan Burton Cutler
January 11, 1924 – September 26, 1979
*Dedicated Husband, Faithful Father,
Scientist, Innovator, Educator, Churchman*

*You may have tangible wealth untold,
With corporate income, solid as gold,
But richer than I, you'll never be,
My children obey God, and honor me.*

Ivan's adaptation of a poem
by Strickland Gillian

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If Ivan were alive, he would have dedicated this book to

Beth Ashton Cutler

his sweetheart and partner in this life and throughout eternity.

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A Personal Message from Ivan B. Cutler

In preparing this personal history, I have only one objective. This is to bear testimony to my posterity in such a way as to strengthen them spiritually. No earthly honor would be as great as a righteous posterity who would love the Lord, God of Israel and obey his commandments. My environment during my youth was different than yours. I was born after World War I with a childhood surrounded by the Great Depression. I was in my first year at the University when our country entered World War II. Even though my experiences and trials have been different, I can assure you that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the answers to your problems as it has to mine. It is the only path to happiness in this or any age of the world.

Like Nephi of old, I had the blessing of wonderful parents whose concern and love for me and my brothers and sisters often became evident through the personal sacrifices that they made. My father was a great example to me in my life. He did not preach to his family. He no doubt worried and prayed about his children but seldom gave us lectures concerning our conduct. The most important principles he taught us were to love the Gospel and obey the word of the Lord. Next in importance, he taught us to work. Through example, we were taught to always honor the priesthood and the leadership of the Church. Father's life was devoted to his family, church and work. His devotion was always a great example to me. Mother's influence cannot be differentiated from that of Father's role. She was entirely supportive of Father and the two seemed as one as they stood together in the leadership of our family.



Ivan and his mother, Virginia Louise Burton Cutler.